ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2001 TO SEPTEMBER 7, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month / Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
Building Permits ($ millions)	July			After two strong monthly increases, the value of Canadian residential building permits decreased in July. A decline in housing permits was offset by an increase in the non-residential permits. Year to date, Alberta's building permits increased 7.0% compared to 13.0% increase for Canada. Alberta's monthly 6.1% increase in building permits was led by increases in both residential (5.1%), and non-residential (7.5%) sectors. July value of building permits increased 6.8% in Calgary, and decreased 5.5% in Edmonton.
Alberta	463.6	6.1%	54.8%	
Canada	3,365.3	-0.1%	9.0%	
Help Wanted Index (1996=100)	August			Between July and August of this year, the help wanted index fell in nearly all provinces except Manitoba, where it increased 1.9%, and Saskatchewan, where it remained unchanged. Largest declines were in Quebec (-2.7%) and Ontario (-2.4%). Year over year, help wanted index declined 12.6% in Canada, with Alberta bucking the trend with a 7.6% increase, followed by Saskatchewan (4.3%) and Prince Edward Island (1.3%).
Alberta	183	-0.5%	7.6%	
Canada	153	-1.3%	-12.6%	
Rigs Drilling	August			The number of active rigs drilling in Alberta rose by 6.5% in August, reflecting the seasonal upturn in activity. Year to date, rig activity is up 13.3% compared to the same period last year.
	295	6.5%	5.7%	